

Ackerman: Politician strove to see both sides of issues

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served on the Springfield City Council from 1967-69. He decided to run for the State House of Representatives in 2000 after then-District 13 representative and current Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy had to leave because of term limits.

"I thought carrying on in politics at a different level would be a challenge," Ackerman said. "I had the time. I had the experience. So why not do it?"

During his time in the house, Ackerman developed a reputation as a keen-eyed politician who was not afraid to reach out to Republicans to compromise, colleagues say.

"He never asks what political affiliation someone is," said Chris Matson, Ackerman's former campaign manager and legislative assistant. "I've seen Republicans come into his office and hammer out a compromise on an issue that works for both sides."

Ackerman said he tried to keep politics out of the process while working in Salem.

"I like problem solving; I don't like the partisanship," Ackerman said. "As a lawyer, I'm used to negotiation."

Ackerman's hard work to avoid partisanship was rewarded this last session when Speaker of the House Karen Minnis, R-Wood Village, appointed Ackerman chair of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil Law, a rare appointment for a member of a minority party.

"I thought it was a compliment in a way, coming from my adversary," Ackerman said.

Ackerman has also been praised for his approach to the job.

"He's smart and serious, and he pays attention to the details," former State Senator Tony Corcoran said. "He's good on budget issues."

Pat Reilly, House District 13 chair for the Democratic Party of Lane County, agrees.

While Ackerman was working on the Lane Community College Board, "He knew that budget better than the president of the college," Reilly said.

While in the House Ackerman fought to stabilize public education funding, an issue he sees as important because of the benefits education provides to the community.

"Education is an investment in our future," Ackerman said. "It's a vital economic tool to have a functioning education system."

Ackerman said the budget cuts and rising tuition at public institutions are having a real effect on the community.

"I think we are creating de facto private institutions," Ackerman said. "Middle-income and lower-income people are being priced out of education. That really bothers me."

Those who work with Ackerman have been impressed by the way he treats the people around him, despite the workload and job stress.

"He's been the best boss I ever worked for," Matson said. "He treats everyone like an equal partner. That's a rarity in any profession."

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Disease: Study to be conducted via telephone

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nurses give advice on how to improve health. Often this consulting is contracted through an employer or health care provider.

A team of behaviorists and psychologists develops techniques to make these phone calls more effective, LifeMasters executive chairwoman Christobel Selecky said.

All patients in Hibbard's study will be administered the PAM by telephone. The control group and the experimental group will each include 1,700 patients from across the country. Selecky said the study has already started and will likely take a year to complete.

The outcome of the study will be

based on medical bills and the number of times the patient is hospitalized during the study.

Nurses having weekly phone conversations with patients in the control group will not know the test results and will provide standard care.

In the experimental group, nurses will know the patients' level of knowledge and adjust their conversations accordingly.

"If you've got someone who's highly activated, you can immediately start working on the changes that need to happen," Selecky said.

For those who score lower on the measurement and thus know less about their disease, Selecky said, efforts must first be focused on getting

the patient to understand why lifestyle changes need to be made.

For example, if a patient is 30 pounds overweight, a nurse would discuss with the patient how he or she would be able to walk and breathe better after losing 30 pounds, Selecky said, rather than simply telling the patient to lose 30 pounds.

"The only way that you can get people to change behavior ... is to build their self-confidence that they can have an impact on their lives," Selecky said.

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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

A week of speeches, presentations and socializing opportunities begins today with the opening ceremony for International Education Week.

This year's theme is "Opening Windows on Middle East Cultures." All events take place in the International Resource Center in the EMU unless otherwise noted. Tea time takes place today through Thursday from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Monday

2 p.m.: Opening ceremony with University President Dave Frohnmayer and Magid Shirzadegan, director of the Office of International Programs. Geography professor Shaul Cohen will give a speech titled "The Middle East in Oregon and Oregon in the Middle East."

7 p.m.: Landscape Architecture professor Kenneth Helphand gives a talk and shows slides of the gardens and landscape of Israel.

Tuesday

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.: Free samples of food from five Middle Eastern countries will be available in the EMU Fir Room.

3 p.m.: Showing of "Inside Mecca," a National

Geographic documentary about Islam's most famous city.

5:30-6:30 p.m.: Rug expert Ali Avci discusses the symbolic language of Middle Eastern carpets and local artist Holly Piper discusses a cultural exchange program that teaches children in the United States about Middle Eastern carpets and gives them an opportunity to make their own.

7 p.m.: A showing of the film "Turtles Can Fly," made by Kurdish film director Bahman Ghobadi. University student Muhammed Othman, a Kurd from northern Iraq, will lead a discussion afterward.

Wednesday

3-4:30 p.m.: University graduate student Amal Egeiq, who grew up as a Palestinian, Muslim woman and an Israeli citizen shows slides and tells stories about a day in the life of her hometown of al-Taibeh.

4:30-5:30 p.m.: University journalism student Cory Eldridge talks about his experiences living in Jordan and working for an English-language magazine as well as his travels in the region.

5:30-6:30 p.m.: Iranian musician Pouria Sayrafi discusses Persian music and demonstrates several Persian instruments.

7:30 p.m.: A showing of the film "A Man in the House."

Thursday

Noon: A showing of the documentary "20 Years Old in the Middle East," which features college students from Jordan, Syria, Iran and Lebanon.

2 p.m.: University student David Eber discusses the nine months he spent in Israel.

3 p.m.: A showing of the National Geographic documentary "Jerusalem: Within These Walls."

7 p.m.: A showing of the film "Children of Abraham" followed by a panel discussion featuring Ibrahim Hamide and Gary Reiss of the Eugene Middle East Peace Group, peace studies graduate student Brian Bogart and geography professor and Middle East expert Ron Waxman.

Friday

3 p.m.: University adjunct professor Astrid deMichele teaches and performs Middle Eastern dance.

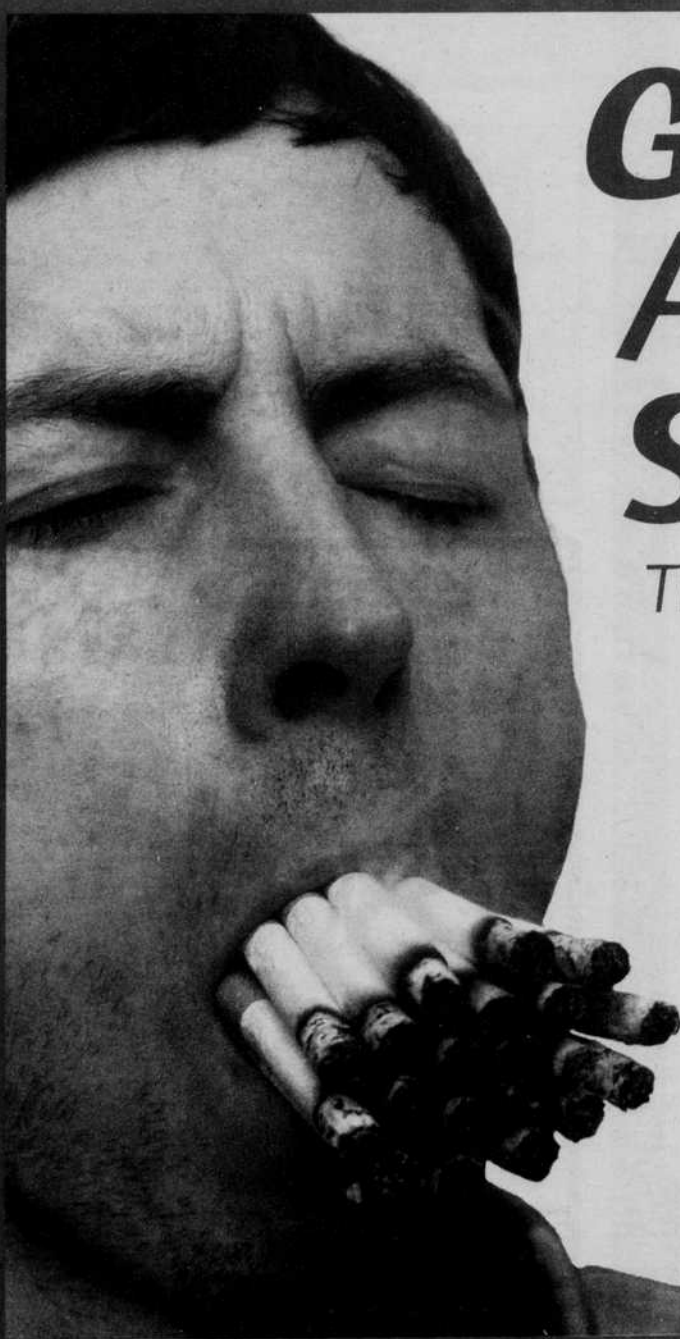
4-6 p.m.: International Student Association coffee hour. Live music at 4:30 p.m.

7 p.m.: A showing of the Emmy Award-winning documentary "Promises."

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University Health Center



GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT

Thursday, Nov. 17

Week of Events

Health Resource Center in the EMU across from the Fir Room

Monday - Thursday, Nov. 14-17

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. \$50 UO Bookstore certificate for winner of tobacco quiz

Wednesday, Nov. 16

2 - 4 p.m. Blood pressure check and stress reduction tips with Jude Kehoe

Thursday, Nov. 17

10 - 11 a.m. Dental care information

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Free cholesterol screening

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Rec Center personal trainers with fitness testing & exercise tips

12 - 2 p.m. Free Nicotine Replacement Therapy (patch and gum) and quit kits distributed while supplies last